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103D CONGRESS
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H. RES. 453

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HASTINGS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with
respect to the situation in Rwanda.

Whereas an ethnic cleansing of the minority Tutsi tribe is
being carried out by the majority Hutu tribe in Rwanda;

Whereas as many as 500,000 innocent people may have been
slaughtered;

Whereas there has been little to no progress in brokering a
cease-fire after more than two months of slaughter;

Whereas international observers have stated that a cease-fire
does not seem to be forthcoming;

Whereas more than 500,000 children have been orphaned;

Whereas Catholic clergy have been executed;

Whereas millions of people face starvation;

Whereas the United Nations has been unable to resolve the conflict in Rwanda;

Whereas the United States on February 25, 1989, ratified and entered into the Convention of the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

Whereas the convention stipulates that genocide, whether committed during peace or war, is an international crime which must be prevented and punished; and

Whereas the Convention defines genocide as the intentional destruction of any national, ethnic, racial, or religious group, in whole or in part, by killing its members, causing them serious physical or mental harm, imposing conditions of life calculated to bring about their physical destruction: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) strongly condemns the atrocities being car-
3 ried out in Rwanda; and

4 (2) calls such atrocities genocide.